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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Meeting, Northern Stone Operations, Turquoise Stone Operations, S/003/020,
(BLM U-69380)Box Elder County, Utah

Date of Meeting: February 11, 1993
Time of Meeting: 1440 - 1545
Location: 3 Triad
Participants: Kim Fuller, Northern Stone Supply, Inc.; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss issues raised in the Division's 1/22/93 letter.

Mr. Fuller requested this meeting to clarify the issues raised in the Division's 1/22/93 letter to the BLM Bear River Resource Area.

The first issue involved variances. The information provided by the BLM had satisfied the Division's requirements for a Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention. However, the information implied that several variances from the Division's reclamation practices may be warranted. I explained to Mr. Fuller that in order to grant these variances the Division would first need to perform a site inspection. He presented several photographs and a site map to illustrate the conditions at the mine site.

The next issue involved the estimation of disturbed acreage. I explained to Mr. Fuller what the Division's regulations define as mining disturbance. At this point in time, it seems that this operation is under the small mine limit of 5 acres. Plans at the mine site call for the development of an air strip possibly within the next five years. I told Mr. Fuller I was not sure if the airstrip adjacent to the mine site would be included in the disturbed area under our definitions, but I would discuss the issue with my supervisor. Mr. Fuller indicated that they are reclaiming portions of the disturbed area as the mining advances. I told him this practice may be increased in the future to allow them to keep the small mine status even if the airstrip is included.

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The next issue involved the Division's reclamation bonding. If the site involves over 5 acres of disturbance the Division would require a reclamation surety. Our reclamation estimates are based on site specific reclamation plans and average between \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre. Several types or forms of surety are accepted by the Division.

I informed Mr. Fuller that the Division would look to the BLM as lead agency for this operation. This meant that the details of the reclamation plan, whether small mine or large mine, would have to satisfy the BLM as landowners. Mr. Fuller indicated that several patent applications may be finalized sometime this year. In that case, the patents would remove a large portion of the mine site from the BLM's jurisdiction.

The meeting concluded with the understanding that the Division would coordinate a site inspection with the BLM's inspection tentatively scheduled for this spring, weather permitting. Also, Mr. Fuller would provide the Division with a scaled site map within the near future.

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